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LIGHT LAMPS AT 7:20 P. M.

PRICE ONE CENT
ON TRAINS FIVE CENTS

WILSON EXPECTS STRIKE TO BE CALLED OFF

Assurances Given By Garretson; Bill to Be Passed Today

Peace Sunday Seems Certain With Measure Providing Eight-Hour Day Well on Way Toward Passage in Both Senate and House, With Every Indication It Will Be Law by Saturday Night.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Favorable reports were made today to both senate and house on the eight-hour bill, and there is every indication that before Saturday night they will be enacted into statutes and will bear the signature of President Wilson. Such action, the brotherhood officials have assured President Wilson, will result in the rescinding of the order for a strike on the railroads of the United States, set for 7 o'clock Monday morning.

The senate bill contains a provision authorizing the interstate commerce commission to fix schedules of wages on railroads. The Adamson bill as reported to the house has been amended to make the eight-hour provisions effective January 1 instead of December 1, and to exempt electric railways. The house rule calls for a vote by 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The senate is expected to stay in session also until a vote is taken.

Unanimous Consent Refused

Democratic Leader Kitchin called on the Adamson bill soon after the house met.

"I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration," said he.

"I object," said Republican Leader Mann.

Representative Harrison, democrat, then offered the special rule and there was discussion on that. Mr. Harrison said congress, in the interest of the American people, ought to pass this bill by Saturday night and avert the strike.

Denounces Legislation

Representative Bennett, republican, denounced the proposed legislation. "There are worse things than strikes," said Bennett, "and one of those things is the destruction of the American system of government. I don't propose to cast my vote with a pistol at my head."

Representative Cooper of Ohio, republican, denied that labor is holding up congress as Mr. Bennett charged. "It was not the railroad men who asked this legislation," he said. "They do say, however, that if this house passes this bill today, and the senate passes it tomorrow they would have the power to call off the strike."

The rule was adopted without a record vote and debate on the bill itself then began.

Republicans Confer

When the senate convened a recess was taken immediately until 1 p. m. to permit the interstate commerce committee to continue its work of drafting the strike prevention legislation and to permit republican members to confer on the proposed bills.

President Wilson spent almost an hour conferring with democratic members and then returned to the White House.

Definite abandonment of the plan to attach the railroad strike legislation to the pending bill to enlarge the interstate commerce commission was agreed to by the senate committee.

Concentrate on One Bill. Majority Leader Kern said after the president's visit that the democrats would concentrate on the eight-hour bill and put over the rest of the railroad legislation. Many democrats felt there would be little disposition among the republicans to filibuster against the eight-hour bill in view of the present situation.

The senate committee determined there was too much opposition to the interstate commerce commission enlargement bill to risk attaching it to the emergency legislation.

As the bill stood this morning the senate committee had agreed that the new commission should "consider an increase in freight rates to meet such additional expenditures by the railroads affected as may have been rendered necessary by the adoption of the eight-hour day and which had not been offset by administrative readjustments and economies should the facts disclosed justify the increase."

May Bring Opposition

Some members were seriously inclined to the belief that such definite direction regarding the rate question would provoke opposition in the senate from progressive republicans, particularly which would make quick passage of the bill impossible.

There were indications this afternoon that the labor leaders will fight the proposal to empower the interstate commerce commission to govern wages as the senate bill proposes but probably will accept it if they see congress is determined to include it in the bill.

As agreed upon today, the senate bill would make the eight-hour basic day effective January 1, 1917, and apply to railroads 100 miles or more in

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POTATO EMBARGO MENACES STOCK; LOCAL PRICES UP

Two Dollars Asked by Wholesalers Per Bushel.

TRAFFIC ABOUT NORMAL
Railroaders Believe Strike Will Be Called Off.

The embargo on perishable freight, which means fruits, vegetables and other food stuffs whose value would be imperiled by delay, goes on at midnight tonight on all railroads entering Oklahoma City except the Rock Island and Ft. Smith & Western.

Consignments to Oklahoma City of such stuffs as are not loaded on the cars by the time specified may not reach here, and this city may be cut off from perishable foods except those already stored or which can be brought in by interurban, wagon and automobile.

The Rock Island has no embargo on anything on its own lines, nor has the Ft. Smith & Western, but warnings are being given shippers that perishable freight should not be shipped unless the shipper is prepared to divert it should a strike be called.

If the dish of "French fried" the waiter sets down before you is shy a slice or two it's because the restaurant man can't help it. The "spud" supply of Oklahoma City is rapidly fading before the assaults of buyers and none of the tubers are coming in. The freight embargoes did it. The threatened railway strike has not been opened yet and it may not be but the embargoes on perishable freight shipments which have been in effect for several days have the same result on potato shipments as if the strike were in progress.

Prices Go Up. Wholesale prices on potatoes have advanced from 20 to 40 cents within the past three days. Some wholesale houses have none to sell at any price and the city's total supply is small. The quoted price this morning at the produce houses was \$2 a bushel. This is expected to fall Monday or Tuesday if the strike is averted, as some shipments would reach Oklahoma City quickly after embargoes are lifted.

Vegetables Unaffected. Prices of poultry, butter, eggs and vegetables except potatoes have not been affected by the embargoes, wholesale report. All houses handling produce report that the supply of cabbage, onions, apples, grapes, pears, peaches is good and that the price has been unchanged since the first of the week.

Small Traffic Increase. There has been little increase in volume of freight traffic since the strike call was issued. A few shippers have been hurrying to send out commodities before the tieup came but the equipment of the roads will not permit any great sudden increase of traffic.

Passenger Business. Telegrams from "folks at home" to (Continued on Page Two.)

BRIDE SLAYER TALKS TO MOTHER OF VICTIM THEN MAKES ESCAPE

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—Police are today searching for J. Maurice Pettit, who murdered his bride of a month yesterday. After cutting his wife's throat, Pettit opened the door to the flat for his wife's mother, talked to her through the speaking tube and then escaped down the back stairs. A block away he met a roomer and talked calmly with him before walking on.

Colcord's Luck. "C. F. Colcord of Oklahoma City is reported to have drilled in a 2000-barrel well at Healdton; and the price of Healdton production has increased

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Practically No Weather Change

Local Forecast—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.
State Forecast—Tonight, unsettled; fair in western portion; Saturday generally fair.

KANSAS—Partly cloudy.
WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy.
ARKANSAS—Unsettled, probably showers.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE	
10 a. m.	68
11 p. m.	68
12 midnight	68
1 a. m.	68
2 a. m.	68
3 a. m.	68
4 a. m.	67
5 a. m.	67
6 a. m.	66
7 a. m.	65
8 a. m.	65
9 a. m.	64
10 a. m.	64
11 a. m.	64
12 noon	63
1 p. m.	63
2 p. m.	63

"Zimmie"

KING WHO QUIT THRONE; SON WHO TAKES PLACE



Constantine of Greece (above) and Crown Prince George, now king.

Gold Awards Promised to Ticket Teams

Women and Children to Begin Aggressive Campaign to Aid Grandstand Work.

Gold prizes aggregating \$150 will be given by the State Fair association to children of Oklahoma City, who, under direction of officers of local civic organizations, ferreted patrons' clubs and similar associations will participate, beginning next Tuesday, in the final follow up work of the "drive" to secure funds for rebuilding the fair grandstand.

At a meeting at noon today in the Skirvin hotel, volunteers from women's organizations agreed to officer next week's campaign. These volunteers are leading club women and interested in the rebuilding of the city by the influence they are able to bring to bear through their organizations.

Good Organization. Each of the volunteers—designated a "marshal"—is to have thirty-six workers under her direction during the "drive." Six of the workers will be young ladies, known as "captains," each of whom will direct the activities of five boys and girls. The children will make the house-to-house canvass of the city, and every one selling thirty or more tickets will be given a season ticket to the fair. Each team averaging thirty tickets will also receive season passes.

Prizes to Teams. To the team selling the greatest number of tickets a prize of \$50 in gold will be given, and to the next largest \$40, then \$30, \$20 and \$10, respectively.

Following is the pledge taken by every volunteer marshal:

"I believe in the future of Oklahoma City."

"I advocate civic advancement and city beautification."

"I am willing to do my part and I will serve as marshal in the campaign to rebuild the State Fair grandstand."

Medallion for Winner. A bronze medallion of the captain of the winning ticket team will be paid for by the directors of the fair, to be set in the concrete of the grandstand.

The name of the captain and an appropriate inscription will be included on the tablet.

The board of education has granted permission for the use of rooms in ward buildings for district headquarters.

Constantine Out; George King But Venizelos Power

Revolution Begun in Macedonia and Three Garrisons Surrender to Pro-Ally Committee; Zaimis Remains at Head of Government With Former Premier Directing Policy of Throne.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—King Constantine of Greece has abdicated, according to the British press representative at Saloniki.

The press representative says the king has abdicated in favor of the crown prince, with Venizelos as the power behind the throne. The new policy he represents will be to work with the entente allies.

According to this plan Premier Zaimis will remain at the head of the government. The correspondent questions whether the entente allies desire the active assistance of Greece.

Passed by Censor.

Ward Price, to whom the dispatch is credited, is the official British press representative designated by the government to act for all British publications in that area. Nevertheless, his dispatches are subject not only to the Greek censorship, but to the French military censorship, which controls all lines of communications from Athens. The fact that both censorships as well as the British censorship in London have permitted this dispatch to come through is significant.

Earlier News Discredited. On Tuesday Mr. Price sent from Saloniki a report that King Constantine had fled from Athens to Larissa. This dispatch was discredited in London official circles. Doubt also appeared to be cast on its correctness by dispatches filed from Athens Wednesday, one of them telling of coming meetings between the king and the entente ministers and others having to do with the illness of the king, who recently underwent a slight operation. It is possible, however, that the king may have departed secretly from Athens as reported by Mr. Price and that his absence was concealed from the newspaper correspondents there.

Story Corroborated. The correspondent at Saloniki of Reuter's Telegram company, under date of Wednesday also sends the report that King Constantine of Greece has abdicated, adding that Alexander Zaimis, supported by former Premier Venizelos, retains the premiership, and that the general mobilization of the Greek army has once more been ordered.

Revolution in Macedonia. The surrender of three Greek garrisons in Macedonia to a committee, the nature of which is not now known clearly, is reported from Saloniki.

The beginning of a revolution in Macedonia is reported in a Reuter dispatch filed yesterday in Saloniki. Fighting occurred in Saloniki, the correspondent adds, but serious trouble was prevented by the intervention of soldiers of the entente allies.

"The revolution claimed its first victims at 4:30 o'clock this morning," the correspondent cables. "Grecan gendarmes and Macedonian volunteers surrounded the barracks of the Greek infantry in Saloniki and exchanged shots with the garrison. But for the intervention of the allies the consequences might have been more serious."

Refuse to Aid Allies. "After half promising to participate in a demonstration arranged yesterday by a pro-ally committee, the Greek troops finally refused. During the night pro-ally volunteers made a determined attempt to seize the barracks but failed. It is asserted one gendarme was killed and that two were wounded. The losses of the loyalists have not been ascertained."

New King Liberal. Crown Prince George of Greece, whose accession to the throne is reported, has been described as a man of liberal mind, in true sympathy with the aspirations of the Greek people. It had been assumed if King Constantine's policy of non-interference in the war should lead to his disappearance from power, their own prince would be the man to whom the pro-entente party would turn.

Finale of Princess Elizabeth. Prince George was born July 19, 1890. He is unmarried. His engagement to Princess Elizabeth of Rumania was announced in 1914, but owing to the war, the wedding was postponed.

The crown prince has kept in the background during the war. When the entente troops landed at Saloniki the king sent the crown prince to take charge of the Greek forces there.

Constantine's Reign Brief. The reign of Constantine I as king of the Hellenes was brief, dating only from March 18, 1913, when his father, George I, was assassinated in Saloniki.

Brief as the reign was, Constantine had enjoyed for a time a period of popularity and increased the territory of the Greek monarchy by over 50 percent.

Born on August 3, 1868, he was educated largely by private tutors from Leipzig, which is said to have

wane.

Plague Believed to Be on Wane.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—The number of new cases of infantile paralysis reported for the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. today showed another increase—48 against 60 Thursday, but officials of the health department retain their feeling that the epidemic is on the wane.